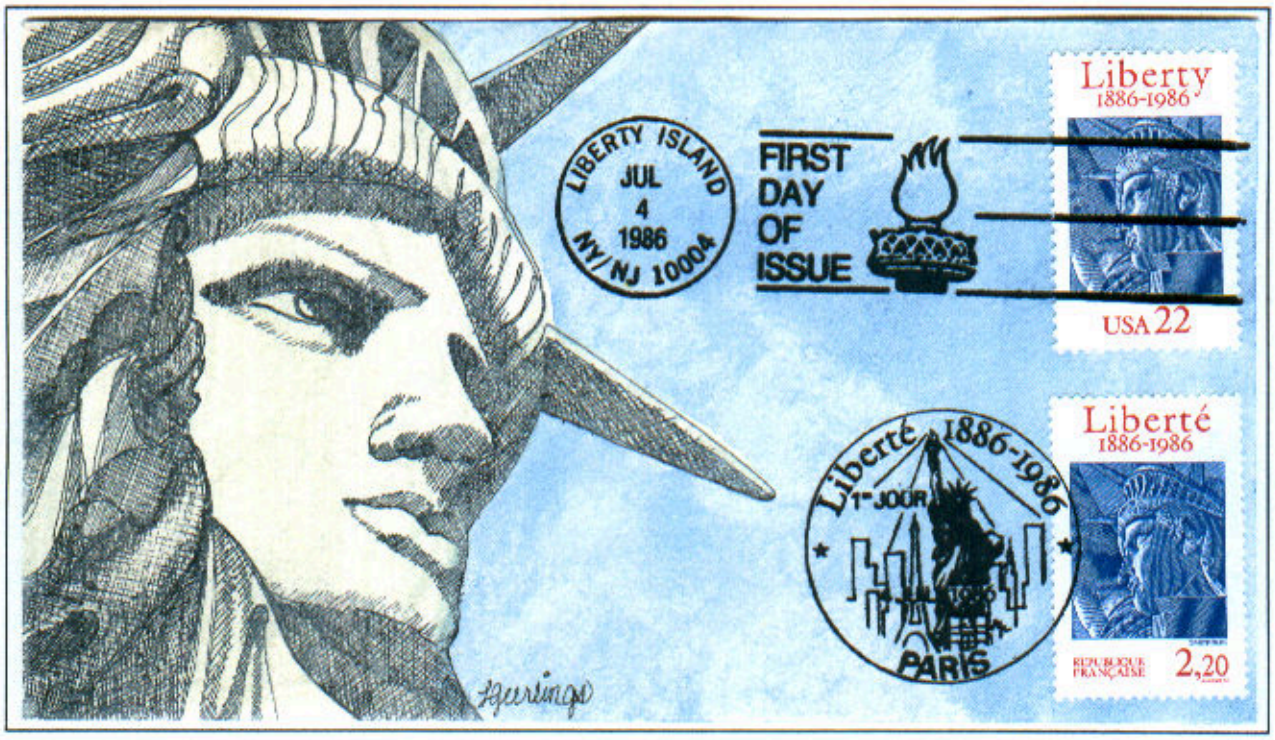
AMERICANA

- CACHETS FOR EVERY LETTER -

Americana: "artifacts of the culture of the United States." *Wikipedia.*

These artifacts may include anything from famous people (real or legendary), locations and landmarks, songs and symbols, as well as intangible ideas.

This exhibit will illustrate various aspects of *Americana,* beginning with each letter of the alphabet, that have been featured on first day cover cachets.



Liberty Enlightening the World

At the close of the American Civil War (1865) French historian Edouard Laboulaye proposed an idea for the construction of a joint American/French monument celebrating the concept of freedom. French sculptor, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, chose Bedloe's Island in Upper New York Bay as its site.

The statue was officially dedicated on October 8, 1886. Standing 151 feet tall and weighing 225 tons (of pure copper) it still stands today as a symbol of alliance between the American colonies and France during the Revolutionary War and as a token of the friendship between the two nations.

This first day cover, honoring its Centennial Anniversary, is franked and cancelled with stamps that were issued through joint agreement by both nations.